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Postulates and Paragraph Proofs

**POINTS, LINES, AND PLANES** In geometry, a **postulate**, or **axiom**, is a statement that describes a fundamental relationship between the basic terms of geometry. Postulates are accepted as true. The basic ideas about points, lines, and planes can be stated as postulates.

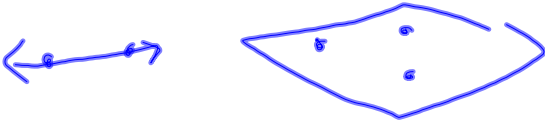
Postulates

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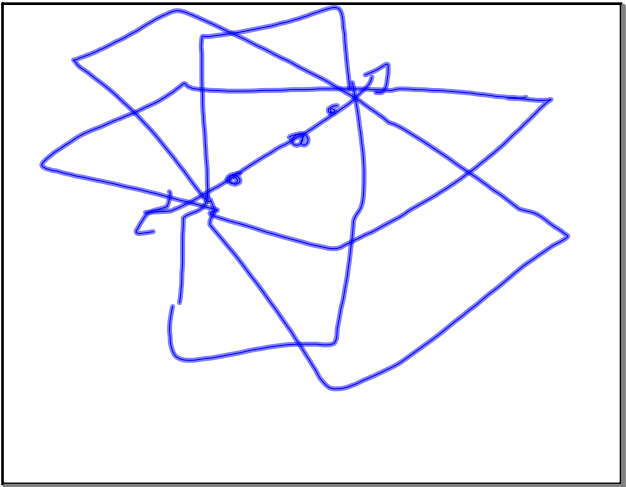
Through any two points, there is exactly one line.

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Through any three points not on the same line, there is exactly one plane.



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A line contains at least two points.

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A plane contains at least three points not on the same line.

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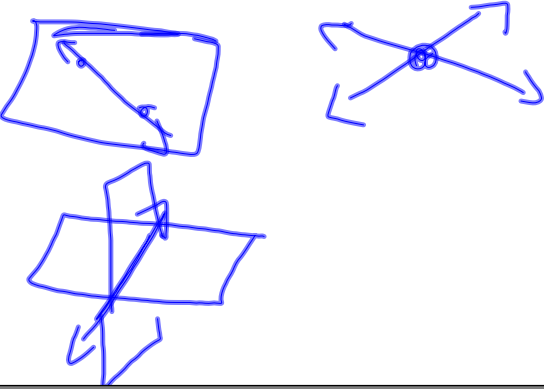
If two points lie in a plane, then the entire line containing those points lies in that plane.

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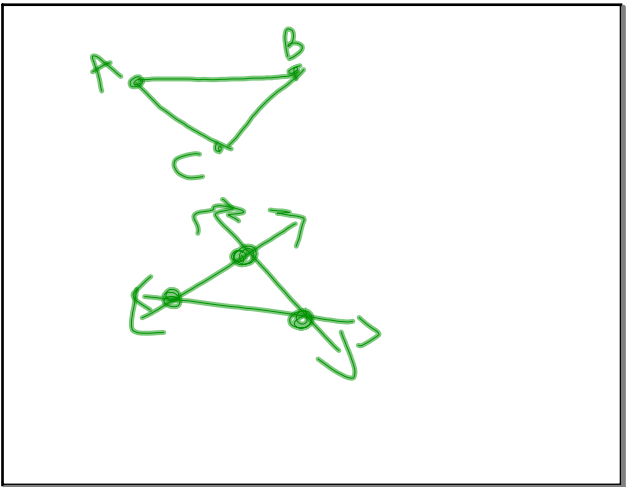
If two lines intersect, then their intersection is exactly one point.

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If two planes intersect, then their intersection is a line.



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